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Docket No.: 1087.1013

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Bennett et al.

Serial No. 09/864,356

Group Art Unit: 2841

Confirmation No. 4093

Filed: May 25, 2001

Examiner: R. Gibson

For: ARTICLE HANDLING SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on May 12, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to June 12, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 12, 17, 25, 31, 33, 39 and 45 as follows:

- ai 1. (ONCE AMENDED) An article handling system comprising:
- a flow path along which articles travel; and
- a metal detection system having a metal detector to detect a metal item along the flow

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**REPLY/AMENDMENT  
FEE TRANSMITTAL**

Attorney Docket No.	1087.1013
Application Number	09/864,356
Filing Date	May 25, 2001
First Named Inventor	Bennett et al.
Group Art Unit	2841
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	1610.00
Examiner Name	R. Gibson

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 01/01/03)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	72	- 54 =	18	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 324.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	23	- 9 =	14	X \$ 84.00 =	1176.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>May 12, 2003</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$410); 3 months (\$930); 4 months (\$1,450); 5 months (\$1,970));					110.00
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$320.00)					
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)					
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 1610.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					\$ 1610.00
(1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".					
(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".					
(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".					
(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".					

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- ☒ Check enclosed as payment.
- ☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
- ☐ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:
- Deposit Account No. 19-3935
- Deposit Account Name STAAS & HALSEY LLP
- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS &amp; HALSEY LLP

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Signature		Date	6-12-03

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